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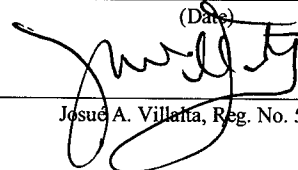
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AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 18 references to be considered by the Examiner. Also enclosed are 7 foreign patent references and/or non-patent literature as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement.

Reference 14 identifies a co-pending application assigned to the assignee of this application. Applicants direct the Examiner to this application to consider whether the subject matter claimed, now or as may be amended in the future, as well as the associated prosecution history, now or in the future, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of obviousness-type double patenting). Applicants believe that the Examiner has access to the application and associated file history through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicants have not provided a copy of this application or its associated file history, but would be happy to do so, now or in the future, should the Examiner so request. A Copy of the references is not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the

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fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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